GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – Health, Medical & Family Welfare Department – Departmental proceedings initiated against Dr. M. Siva Sridhar, formerly Professor and Head of the Department of Radio Diagnosis, Guntur Medical College, Guntur, for unauthorized absence – Articles of charges framed – Written Statement of Defence submitted – Considered – Punishment of "Censure" imposed; and the period of unauthorized absence from 14.10.2022 to 17.09.2024 is treated as *'Dies-non'* under Fundamental Rule 18 – Orders – Issued.

HEALTH, MEDICAL & FAMILY WELFARE (VC.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 770 Dated: 06-11-2025

Read the following:

1	From the Director of Medical Education, AP, Vijayawada, e-office file with C.No.2564137.
2	G.O. Rt.No. 612, HM&FW(A) Department, dated: 14-10-2024.
3	G.O.Rt.No.23, HM&FW (VC.I) Department, dated:21.01.2025.
4	WSD from Dr M. Siva Sridhar, Professor and HOD of Radio diagnosis, Guntur Medical College, Guntur received through DME, AP, Vijayawada, e-file Computer No.2700412.

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ORDER:

In the reference 1st read above, the Director of Medical Education, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada has stated that Dr. M. Siva Sridhar, formerly Professor and Head of the Department of Radio Diagnosis, Guntur Medical College, Guntur, went on unauthorized absence from duty for the period from 14.10.2022 to 17.09.2024 without obtaining prior permission or sanction of leave from the competent authority. The Principal, Guntur Medical College, Guntur, has surrendered the services of the said individual to the Director of Medical Education, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada. Subsequently, the individual reported for duty on 18.09.2024 and requested for posting orders.

2. In the reference 2nd read above, the Government issued posting orders to Dr. M. Siva Sridhar, Professor of Radio Diagnosis, who had reported to duty after unauthorized absence on 18.09.2024, posting him to the Government Medical College, Vizianagaram, in the existing vacancy. Further, the Director of Medical Education, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada, was directed to initiate disciplinary proceedings against Dr. M. Siva Sridhar, formerly Professor and Head of the Department of Radio Diagnosis, Guntur Medical College, Guntur.

3. In the reference 3rd read above, the Government have initiated disciplinary proceedings by framing Articles of Charges against Dr. M. Siva Sridhar, formerly Professor and Head of the Department of Radio Diagnosis, Guntur Medical College, Guntur, for his unauthorized absence during the period from 14.10.2022 to 17.09.2024.

4. In the reference 4th read above, the Charged Officer, Dr. M. Siva Sridhar, formerly Professor and Head of the Department of Radio Diagnosis, Guntur Medical College, Guntur, in his Written Statement of Defence, has stated that, anticipating approval of his leave, he went abroad to work with zeal and to enhance his knowledge and skills. He further stated that he returned from his overseas employment with the intention of utilizing his revised and upgraded skills and knowledge to serve the poor in Government Hospitals. While admitting his mistake, Dr. M. Siva Sridhar requested that the charges framed against him be dropped and that the period of absence from 14.10.2022 to 18.09.2024 be treated as Extraordinary Leave (EOL), restoring his service without break.

5. After careful examination of the matter, the Government hereby decide to impose a minor penalty of “Censure” under Rule 9 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control & Appeal) Rules, 1991, and to treat the period of unauthorized absence from 14.10.2022 to 17.09.2024 as “Dies-non” under Fundamental Rule 18, in respect of Dr. M. Siva Sridhar, formerly Professor and Head of the Department of Radio Diagnosis, Guntur Medical College, Guntur.

6. The Director of Medical Education, AP, Vijayawada shall take further action in the matter, accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

G. VEERAPANDIAN
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Dr M. Siva Sridhar, formerly Professor and HOD of Radio diagnosis, Guntur Medical College, Guntur (through Director of Medical Education, AP, Vijayawada.)
The Director of Medical Education, AP, Vijayawada.
Copy to
The OSD to the Hon'ble Minister (HFW&ME).
The PS to Secretary to Government, HM&FW Department.
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